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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re: Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Progress, LLC
(For Potential Increase or Decrease in Fuel Adjustment or Gas Adjustment)
Docket Number: 2021-1-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am filing this letter on behalf of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (the "Company") regarding the procedural schedule in this docket. On December 14, 2020, the Clerk's Office issued a Notice of Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines, along with a Prefile Testimony Letter. The Prefile Testimony Letter instructs the parties to provide to the Commission, on or before May 27, 2021, the order of witnesses to be presented during the hearing, whether there is an objection to taking direct and rebuttal or surrebuttal testimony together during the hearing, and whether or not there is a desire to use panels of witnesses.

Pursuant to the Notice of Hearing and Prefile Testimony, intervenor direct testimony is due to be filed on May 25, 2021, and the Company's rebuttal testimony is due to be filed on June 1, 2021. In light of these filing deadlines, the Company does not expect to be in a position to inform the Commission of its witness order, or whether it will be amenable to consolidating the presentation of direct and rebuttal testimony, until June 1, 2021. Therefore, the Company respectfully requests that it be permitted to provide its order of witnesses on or before June 1, 2021. By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record via electronic mail.

Sincerely,

Katie M. Brown

cc: Parties of record
David Butler, Chief Hearing Officer